

Sugar Refining

One of the principal light industries of this region is sugar refining, which is concentrated in Kwangtung Province. Before the war with Japan there were six modern sugar refineries in Kwangtung.³⁵ A 1954 Communist report mentioned the existence of four government plants located at Tung-huan, Shun-te, Shih-t'ou, and Chieh-yang. A fifth plant was scheduled for construction under the Five-Year Plan. Output of the plants accounted for one-third to one-half of the country's total production of refined sugar in 1953.³⁶ A small sugar refinery is also being built in Hainan.³⁷ In order to supply the refineries, domestic machinery is produced at the Tung-yung Machinery Plant in Canton.³⁸

Other Industries

Among other industrial activities in this region is the production of the Canton Paper Mill. Expansion of the plant under the Five-Year Plan was reportedly begun in 1954.³⁹ According to the Communists, the plant will become the largest producer of newsprint in Mainland China.

A 1950 report mentioned the existence of 79 mills in Central-South China, with a total daily capacity of almost 49,000 bags (48.4)

35. Newspaper Reading Handbook, p. 499.

36. NCNA, Oct. 30, 1954, and Sept. 2, 1954, Hong Kong, pp. 109-13.

37. NCNA, Feb. 2, 1955.

38. Ibid., Sept. 2, 1954. 39. Ibid., Sept. 24, 1954.